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DUAL COLOR TUMOR MODELS

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1633**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 22 January 2009, time for response to which was set to expire 22 April 2009. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. The examined claims, claims 1-3, were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following discussion is offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. No amendment is proposed at this time but the claims are reproduced for the convenience of the Office.

**Enclosure:**

Yang, M., et al., *Cancer Res.* (2004) 61:8651-8655 (Exhibit A)